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## BIG BLAZE IN PARK CITY

### Shafthouse of Ontario Company Burns.

#### Loss Will Reach Half Million Dollars, With No Insurance.

Origin of Flames, Which Broke Out in Carpenter Shop at 3 O'Clock in the Morning, a Mystery.

PARK CITY, Utah, June 20.—The shafthouse No. 3 of the Ontario Mining company was destroyed by fire this morning, causing a loss of half a million dollars, with no insurance.

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## Battle in Progress at Hai Cheng

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It has developed that the Japanese at Vangow had an accurate topographical map of the whole battlefield, and that their batteries were connected by telephone.

It is reported in a dispatch from Tokyo that Vice-Admiral Kammura is engaging the Russian Vladivostok squadron off Oshima. The navy department has no confirmation of the report, but hopes it may be true.

Gen. Oki reports that he buried 1316 Russian dead on the field after the battle of Vangow (Tollu), and then the work was incomplete. The natives say the Russians themselves buried and also carried away many of their dead.

Advice from Liao Yang says that a general engagement is proceeding at New Kia Chiu. The train bearing wounded men passed through here, going northward.

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### HERE IS THE NEW REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE

CHICAGO, June 20.—Following is the new Republican National committee, so far as selected, many changes having been made at the meetings of the State delegates today. In some cases selections will not be made until tomorrow:

Alabama—Charles S. Scott.

Arkansas—Powell Clayton.

California—George A. Knight.

Colorado—

Connecticut—Charles F. Brooks.

Delaware—J. E. Adkins.

Florida—J. N. Coombs.

Georgia—Judson W. Lyons.

Idaho—Weldon B. Heyburn.

Illinois—Frank O. Lowden.

Indiana—Harry S. New.

Iowa—Ernest E. Hart.

Kansas—David W. McVane.

Kentucky—John W. Yerkes.

Louisiana—

Maine—John E. Hill.

Maryland—Louis E. McComas.

Massachusetts—W. Murray Crane.

Michigan—John W. Bledgett.

Minnesota—Frank B. Kellogg.

Mississippi—L. E. Mosely.

Missouri—Thomas J. Akins.

Montana—John B. Waite.

Nebraska—Charles H. Morrill.

Nevada—P. T. Flanagan.

New Hampshire—Frank L. Street.

New Jersey—Franklin Murphy.

New York—W. L. Ward.

North Carolina—

North Dakota—Alexander McKenzie.

Ohio—Myron T. Herrick.

Oregon—Charles H. Carey.

Pennsylvania—Boies Penrose.

Rhode Island—

South Carolina—

South Dakota—J. M. Green.

Tennessee—W. P. Brownlow.

Texas—C. C. Lyons.

Utah—C. E. Locke.

Vermont—

Virginia—G. E. Bowden.

Washington—Levi Ackley.

West Virginia—N. B. Scott.

Wisconsin—Henry C. Payne.

Wyoming—G. E. Sexton.

Alaska—John H. Held.

Arizona—

Indian Territory—P. L. Sloper.

New Mexico—Solomon Luna.

Oklahoma—C. M. Cade.

Hawaii—Alexander G. M. Robertson.

District of Columbia—Robert R. R. R.

Anti-Polygamy Question.

The anti-polygamy question is also giving the leaders much concern. As told in these dispatches, representatives of women's organizations throughout the country are here. They are urging that a plank against polygamy and polygamists be placed in the platform. They are making an unusually hard fight, interviewing all the State delegations upon the question.

Senator Dubois is mingling among the Republican leaders here in the interest of an anti-polygamy plank in the Republican platform. Many Republicans are criticizing him for "bad taste." The Idaho Senator today made the statement to The Tribune correspondent that the Democratic convention at St. Louis would insert a strong anti-polygamy plank.

Members of the Utah delegation and Senator Smoot are active in their opposition to having any mention of polygamy in the platform, and they are working like beavers to prevent any mention of Utah affairs. One of the pleas they make is that any such mention would have a tendency to injure the Utah delegation in the fight that is now being made against him before the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections. What the result will be in the fight being made cannot be predicted.

The Utah delegation today agreed to make Col. C. E. Locke of Provo, National Committeeman and placed former Congressman George Sutherland upon the committee on resolutions.

Labor and Strike Problem.

Another important problem to handle from the standpoint of politicians is the labor question and strikes. As the old politicians have been almost unanimously opposed to President Roosevelt's choice of Secretary Cortelyou as National chairman, so these same men are opposed to anything in the platform on the labor question and its troubles that would be pleasing to President Gompers and other labor leaders. It is not believed that there will be any very radical pronouncement in the platform on the labor question.

### HAVE THREE HARD PROBLEMS

#### Questions Now Before Republicans.

#### Leaders Are Wrestling With Tariff Revision, Polygamy, Labor.

Vice-Presidency Practically Settled.

Col. Loose National Committeeman From Utah.

Special to The Tribune.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Three matters have received attention of the Republican leaders here today and tonight. They are still at sea over them. They are: How to handle tariff question in platform; shall a plank relating to polygamy be inserted, and how to deal with labor. These questions are difficult of solution.

Fairbanks for Vice-President.

As to the Vice-Presidency, there has been a leaning toward the Hoosier all the time, but he declined to announce his candidacy or permit his State delegation to present his name. In caucus this afternoon a resolution was introduced declaring that the State would be pleased to have the Senator chosen, but the Senator would not have it. He made a speech of some length, saying that he had not been a candidate and was not a candidate; that he had been urged to become a candidate, and that he had not changed his position from the time he was first mentioned for the place, and that he would not be put in the attitude of seeking the place.

Tonight at a caucus of the delegation from the Empire State it was decided to cast the vote of the delegation, seventy-eight in all, for Senator Fairbanks. Pennsylvania took similar action. And this settled the question. The Hoosier Senator will be the running mate with Roosevelt.

As to Tariff Revision.

The contest over tariff revision promises to be a warm one. The stand-patners who are in the majority are holding a tight grip on this question, while the Iowa Idea crowd are determined that the matter shall be discussed, not only before the committee on resolutions, but also upon the floor of the convention. The Iowa delegation in Congress refused to adopt a resolution in favor of tariff revision or reform and the same action was taken by the North Dakota delegation. In the latter, however, Senator Hansbrough, who favors tariff reform and who will offer his resolution thereon, was placed on the committee on resolutions. Gov. Cummins of Iowa will make a plea for tariff reform on the floor.

Oregon is in favor of tariff revision and against any indorsement of the ship subsidy. Wyoming delegates are stand-patners and have so instructed Senator Clark, who will be the member of the committee on resolutions from that State.